

## California Women's Health Survey (CWHS) Fact Sheet

Sponsors	State of California, Departments of Health Services (DHS), Mental Health (DMH), Social Services (DSS), California Medical Review, Inc. (CMRI).
Mode of Administration	Telephone interview conducted in English and Spanish.
Survey Sample Design	Sample design uses random-digit-dialed probability samples of the adult (aged 18 years and over) female population. The annual statewide sample size is 4000 participants.
Primary Survey Content	The survey consists of a core of demographic and health care access and health insurance coverage questions asked every year. Questions cover topical areas specific to women's health including breast and cervical cancer, mental health, family planning, breastfeeding, chronic illnesses (arthritis, asthma, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, nutrition and obesity, sexual behavior, sexually transmitted diseases, health information, care giver responsibilities, hormone replacement therapy.
Population Targeted	Civilian, non-institutionalized population 18 years of age and older who reside in households with telephones.
Demographic Data	Age, educational attainment, race/ethnicity, household income, employment status, and marital status, sexual orientation
Years Collected	Annually since 1996.
Schedule	Annual.
Geographic Estimates	Data are weighted to produce State of California estimates.
Notes	The CWHS is a partnership between several State Departments and private participants California Medical Review Inc. (CMRI) Many Healthy People objectives are tracked with questions asked on this survey. Persons who do not have telephones or have telephones but are either in institutional settings or cannot be understood over the telephone are excluded.
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References	California Women's Health Survey Dataset Documentation and Technical Report 2000 Cancer Surveillance Section, California Department of Health Services, Sacramento, CA March 2001